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# 1. CHINA

UPI (WP 3/7) REPORTS HAK, SEATED NEXT TO RUSK AT ATLANTA NEWS CONFERENCE SATURDAY, SAID HE DID NOT CONCUR IN GOLDWATER VIEW THAT NIXON MIGHT HAVE BROKEN LAW BY DISCUSSING FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH PRC LEADERS. EMPHASIZED NIXON DID NOT ADVISE ADMIN OF PRC TRIP PLANS UNTIL JUST BEFORE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED -- IN FACT, DOS WAS ADVISED OF TRIP BY CHINESE REPS BEFORE NIXON INFORMED ADMIN. HAK ADDED THAT SINCE NO ONE IN ADMIN HAS HAD CHANCE SPEAK WITH MAO OR HUA SINCE CHOU'S DEATH, "IT IS OF COURSE OF INTEREST TO US" WHAT PRC LEADERS TOLD NIXON.

CHIANG CHING NOW SAID TARGET OF WALLPOSTER CAMPAIGN SWEEPING PRC. ACCORDING TWO HK NEWSPAPERS SUNDAY, SHE IS BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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HEAVILY CRITICIZED IN CANTON FOR BIOGRAPHY SHE ASKED US AUTHOR (WITKE) WRITE (REUTER, CSM; WSTAR, 3/7; AP, SUN 3/6).

-P REPORTS DIPLOMATS VISITING PEKING U WERE TOLD BY ITS

REVOLUTIONARY CMTE VICE-CHAIRMAN THAT TENG STILL IN OFFICE, SINCE "WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHANGE OF HIS POSTS." UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS WHO TALKED TO DIPLOMATS DENOUNCED TENG BY NAME, HOWEVER, INDICATING CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM CONTINUING. REUTER(PEKING 3/7) CITES INFORMED SOURCES SAYING TENG HAS BEEN ACCUSED, IN TWO NEW PEKING U WALLPOSTERS, OF MISHA; DLING MIL AFFAIRS AT EXPENSE OF PROVINCIAL COMMANDERS, AND OF OPPOSING "HELICOPTER PROMOTIONS"-- RAPID ADVANCEMENT OF YOUNG CADRES WHO MOSTLY EMERGED DURING GPCR.

AFP (HK) REPORTS PRC WILL STAGE ONE OF BIGGEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITIONS IN ARMY OF LIFE-SIZE POTTERY FIGURES FROM 2,000 YEARS AGO (NYT 3/7).

EX-IM BANK APPROVES DIRECT LOAN OF 4.4 MILLION DOLS, AT 8.7 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST, TO HELP CHINESE PETROLEUM CORP OF TAIWAN PURCHASE TWO LAND-DRILLING RIGS, OTHER EQUIPMENT, COSTING ABOUT 11 MILLION DOLS FROM US SUPPLIERS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN DESIGNATED (WSJ).

# 2. INDOCHINA

SWEDEN'S AMB TO PEKING, W;O WAS TAKEN TO SIEM REAP TO SEE DAMAGE PP GOVT, SAYS CAUSED BY US PLANES. SAYS SAW 1 LARGE CRATER, DAMAGE TO HOUSES; CONCLUDES, "SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED," BUT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT, WHEN (AFP, NYT 3/7). AMB BJOERK STATES PP COMMUNIST REGIME OPERATES WITHOUT MONEY, SALARIES, TELEPHONES; PUSHES MASSIVE SOCIAL REVOLUTION THAT IS NEITHER COMMUNIST, CAPITALIST, BUT MORE RADICAL THAN POLICIES PRC, USSR. CALLS PP ABANDONED CITY WITH LITTLE TRAFFIC (AP SUN, PHINQ, CHITRIB).

GLO0E AND MAIL'S MUNRO (NYT) AT PEKING QUOTES AMB BJORK THAT CAMBODIA TOTALLY MOBILIZED TO CREATE MOST RADICAL COMMUNIZED SOCIETY IN WORLD. AMB QUOTES PP LEADERS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CITY EVACUATED, SINCE LACKED TRANSPORT TO BRING FOOD TO PEOPLE, ALSO FEARED POL OPPOSITION WOULD QUICKLY DEVELOP IN CITIES IF GOVT FAILED FEED POPULATION.

BJORK ADDS PP GOAL IS SUFFICIENT RICE EXPORTS TO B'ILD SMALL FACTORIES IN SCATTERED RURAL LOCATIONS, WITH LIMITED POPULATION IN CITIES; SAYS LEADERS HAVE STRONG COLLECTIVIST, EGALITARIAN IDEAS WITH STRONG OVERTONE NATIONALISM.

LAOS, CAMBODIA ANNOUNCE EXCHANGE AMBS. GROUP CALLING SELF NATL REV LAO FRONT BLEW KEY BRIDGE IN S LAOS USED FOR TRUCK CONVOYS FROM NVN; REFUGEES SAY SEVERAL HUNDRED MINOR OFFICIALS ARRESTED IN VIENTIANE AFTER BRIDGE

DESTROYED (WP 3/6). WP (3/6) PRINTS AP PHOTO PL SOLDIER BUYING FISH IN VIENTIANE MARKET.

CSM'S GODSELL REPORTS NVN WORRIED ABOUT 5 POTENTIAL TROUBLE CENTERS IN SVN: RC COMMUNITY, HOA HAO SECT. GAO DAI SECT, ETHNIC KHMERS, MONTAGNARDS. SAYS RCS CAUSE MOST CONCERN, WITH NVN USING STICK-AND-CARROT APPROACH. QUOTES US ANALYSTS THAT NVN LIKELY HAUNTED BY IDEA OPPOSITION COALESCING ALONG RELIGIOUS LINES.

SHIPLER (NYT 3/7) IN MOSCOW INTERVIEWED PRG'S MME BINH, WHO PREDICTED DIFFERENCES IN 2 ZONES EVEN AFTER REUNIFICATION, WITH SVN ECONOMY MORE PRIVATELY ORIENTED. BINH ALSO SAID MAIN SVN PROBLEMS ECONOMIC AND MUCH INTL AID TO SOLVE THEM, INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE FROM US; ATTRIBUTED SABOTAGE TO CIA.

FRENCH EXPLORATION SHIP ARRIVES SVN TO PROSPECT FOR MINERAL RESOURCES, ESP OIL, OFFSHORE, IN MEKONG DELTA (WP 3/6).

LAST 2 MARINES KILLED IN SVN BURIED AT RESPECTIVES US HOMES (AP WP, SUN 3/7).

# 3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

AT LEAST 8 RELATIVES SIHANOUK WHO FLED CAMBODIA SEEK EXILE IN US, FRANCE (AP, NYDN). UNCLASSIFIED

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FARBER (NYT 3/7) REPORTS FACULTY CMTE AT CORNEUISSUES REPORT SAYING FREEDOM OF SPEECH VIOLATED LAST DEC WHEN NGUYEN CAO KY BOOED OFF STAGE.

# 4. JAPAN

WSJ; UPI (NYT 3/6) CARRY LENGTHY REVIEW DEP SEC INGERSOLL TESTIMONY FRIDAY, BEFORE JOINT ECON SUB-CMTE. SAID US WILL PROPOSE UN NEGOTIATE INTL PACT COMBAT CORPORATE BRIBERY. PROMISED REPLY "EVENTUALLY" FOREIGN GOVT REQUESTS FOR NAMES OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY BRIBED BY LOCKHEED, WILL TELL JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, BUT ONLY AFTER US LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMPLETE OWN INVESTIGATION, LOCKHEED MAKES FURTHER DISCLOSURES. AGREED WITH SEN PROXMIRE COULD TAKE SIX MONTHS OR MORE.

TESTIFIED RECENT DISCLOSURES DID "GRIEVOUS DAMAGE" US FOREIGN RELATIONS; NUMBER FOREIGN GOVTS EXPRE-SED 'GREAT CONCERN." SAID NEWS REPORTS PORTRAY DOS NOT COOPERATING WITH GOJ, DUTCH REQUESTS; EXPLAINED, "WE DO NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION." THOSE THAT EXIST HELD BY LOCKHEED, SEC, SUBJECT COURT ORDER.

SAID DOS, SEC, CONSULTED DEPT JUS, THREE AGENCIES DECIDED LATTER WOULD PROVIDE -RESPONSIBLE" FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INFO, UNDER REGULATIONS PROTECTING PRIVACY, LEGAL RIGHTS PERSONS IMPLICATED. NOTED FOREIGN AGENCIES EXPECTED ASSURE US INFO TREATED ON "CONFIDENTIAL BASIS," UNTIL PROCEED WITH CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

NORDLINGER (SUN 2/6) SAYS PROXMIRE HOSTILE DOS PROPOSAL. NOTES INGERSOLL DEFENDED PROPOSAL UN COMMISSION TRANSNATIONAL CORPS, MEETING LIMA, NEGOTATE INTL AGREEMENT, ON GROUNDS WOULD SET CLEAR GUIDELINES, HAVE IMMEDIATE EFFECT DISCO'RAGING BRIBERY. DEPSEC AGREED PROXMIRE SUGGESTION US ENACT LAW AGAINST BRIBERY OVERSEAS, BUT ADDED DOUBTS COULD BE ENFORCED WITHOUT INTL AGREEMENT.

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LAWRENCE (JOC) QUOTES INGERSOLL TESTIMONY DELAY TRANS-MITTING INFO "REASONABLE, IF PROTECTS "INNOCENT"; US DOES NOT INTEND PASS "UNSUBSTANTIATED" ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

OBERDORFER (WP 3/6) CITES INGERSOLL TESTIMONY THAT
"GRIEVOUS DAMAGE" ALREADY CAUSED FOREIGN RELATIONS
BY "UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS." NOTES DID NOT SPECIFY
WHETHER MEANT SENATE CMTE TESTIMONY, OR PRESS LEAKS
OF DETAILED INFO. SAYS JCP DIET MEMBER ATSUSHI HASHIMOTO
ATTENDED PROXMIRE CMTE HEARING FRIDAY, DISSATISFIED WITH
RSI RESPONSE THAT FAIL; MEET JAPANESE PUBLIC, DIET
DEMAND FOR "COMPLETE DISCLOSURE." CITES DIPLOMATIC
SOURCES WHO SAY GOJ HAS NO CHOICE BUT ACCEPT US
CONDITIONS, EXPECTED BE OUTLINED IN FORD RESPONSE MIKI
LETTER. ADDS DOS OFFICIALS SAY NAMES PAYOFF RECIPIENTS
MIGHT BE REVEALED DURING PROSECUTION IN US COURTS OF
VIOLATIONS LAW.

SAAR (WP 3/7) SAYS US PLAN RELEASE LOCKHEED INFO ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS MET "STONY RECEPTION, JAPAN. CRITICIZED BY ALL FOUR OPPOSITION PARTIES AS EVIDENCE COLLUSION BETWEEN MIKI GOVT, US.

GOJ SPOKESMAN SAID SECRECY COND?TION, PENDING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, STRICTER THAN EXPECTED, DIFFERS FROM GOJ REQUEST FOR FULL DISCLOSURE. JSP WIRED PROTEST FORD. GOJ LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WELCOMED CONDITIONS, BECAUSE SOME INFO US PROVIDES "PROBABLY" CONTAINS "UNRELIABLE DATA" THAT MIGHT UNFAIRLY DAMAGE INDIVIDUALS NAMED (AP, S'N 3/7).

OHIRA "APPRECIATED" US CONDITIONS; CONSIDERS THEM "IMPERATIVE" FOR LEARNING TRUTH, HANDLING CASE "JUSTLY AND FAIRLY" (AP, SUN).

POLICE QUESTIONED INVALID KODAMA AT HOME SUNDAY, AFTER MEDICAL EXAM. OFFICERS SAID KODAMA ASKED HOW, WHEN, WHERE GOT ACKNOWLEDGED CONSULTANT FEE OF 166,667 DOLS FROM LOCKHEED, 1972; ALSO ASKED ABOUT 47 RECEIPTS WITH HIS STAMPED SIGNATURE (AP, GLOBE, SUN). UNCLASSIFIED

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YOSHIZAKI (NYT 3/6) NOTES JAPANESE POLICE FRIDAY QUESTIONED NATURALIZED SPANISH-BORN RC PRIEST, REV JOSE ARAMIYA, ABOUT ALLEGED ROLE CASHING FOUR MILLION DOLS WORTH CHECKS BROUGHT FROM HK FOR DESK AND CO, 1973-74. ARAMIYA EARLIER TOLD PRESS ALLOWED DEAK USE HIS BANK ACCOUNT; THOUGHT FUNDS WERE FOR LOCKHEED WHEN RECOGNIZED NEWS PHOTO OF JOHN CLUTTER AS MAN TO WHOM DELIVERED MONEY. AMAMIYA GOT FOURTEEN MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR VIOLATING FOREX CONTROL LAW, 1975. SAYS ANALYSTS NOW BELIEVE LOCKHEED PAID OVERT SALES COMMISSIONS MARUBENI THROUGH LA BRANCH SECURITY PACIFIC NATL BANK; COVERT PAYMENTS KODAMA VIA TWO ROUTES, FROM LOCKHEED MAIN OFFICE THROUGH DEAK, HK, AND THOUGH SWISS CREDIT BANK TO LOCKHEED TOKYO, THENCE KODAMA.

JAMESON (LAT 3/5) CITES LDP SYG NAKASONE "DIAL-A-DENIAL," THAT FORECASTS POLICE WILL DECIDE BY END JUNE WHETHER CAN PROSECUTE ANYONE; WILL THEN LAUNCH NATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN SUMMER TO "RESTORE POPULARITY OF AND FAITH IN" LDP BEFORE FALL ELECTION).

WIDOWS OF TWO PILOTS KILLED FLYING F-104 SUE GOJ.
SUZUYO NISHI, SAYS ONCE THOUGHT HUSBAND DIED FOR COUNTRY,
NO' BELIEVES WAS VICTIM GRAFT, SINCE DEFECTIVE PLANE
HE DIED IN BOUGHT BECAUSE BRIBERY (WP).

SEIDEN (S'N 3/6) NOTES EPA DATA SHOWS "MODEST" TWO PCT GNP GROWTH 1975. SAYS "MARKED DROP" FOURTH QUARTER FIGURES CASTS DOUBT ON GOJ CLAIMS ECONOMY IMPROVING. PERSONAL SPENDING ROSE SIX PCT, BUT PLANT, EQUIPMENT INVESTMENT SHOWED "WHOPPING- 14.4 PCT DECREASE, INVENTORIES "PLUMMETED" 66 PCT, IMPORTS DECLINED EIGHT PCT

IMF SAYS INFLATION ON WANE MOST INDUSTRIAL NATIONS; CPI ROSE AVERAGE 8.6 PCT LAST YEAR, DOWN SHARPLY FROM 13.6 PCT IN 1974. STEEPEST DECREASES IN US, FROM 12.2 PCT TO 7 PCT; JAPAN, FROM 21.5 PCT TO EIGHT PCT (WSJ). NATL CREDIT AGENCY SAYS FEBRUARY BANKRUPTCIES TOTALED NEW RECORD 1,088, UP 0.9 PCT FROM JANUARY, 23 PCT ABOVE UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST FEBRUARY (WSJ, TOKYO).

FMC DECIDES ALLOW JAPANESE-FLAG CONTAINERSHIP POOLING, REVENUE SHARING CONTINUE ANOTHER YEAR, WHILE CONTINUES INVESTIGATE "UNIQUE ARRANGEMENT- (JOC, WASHINGTON).

OECD REPORT RANKS JAPAN THIRD PLASTICS PRODUCER, WITH 6.3 MILLION TONS; FOLLOWS US AT 13.1 MILLION, FRG AT 6.4 MILLION TONS (JOC).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT REPORT TO MITI FORECASTING DECLINE AUTO OUTPUT 2.8 PCT PER YEAR OVER 1974-85 TERM. VIEWS AS DISCLOSURE END HIGH GROWTH ERA.

DICKINSON (NYT 3/7) REVIEWS C-B RADIO BOOM, IGNITED BY TRUCKERS, "GROWING FASTER" THAN ANY CONSUMER ELECTRONIC PRODUCT. TILL FEW WEEKS AGO, MARKET SPLIT BY 100 SMALL FIRMS, WITH 75 PCT SETS MADE ABROAD, MOSTLY JAPAN. NOW RCA, MOTOROLA, GE ENTERING MARKET, WELL AS MATSUSHITA.

SF-BASED PROSTITUTES UNION "COYOTE" PLANS OPEN CHAPTERS EUR, JAPAN (MARTIN/SMYTH, WP).

MALCOLM (NYT) REPORTS JAPANESE WELL AWARE NEED PREVENT FIRES, IN NATION WHERE 31 MILLION HIGHLY FLAMMABLE HOMES ONLY ARM'S LENGTH APART. CITES DATA THAT SHOW ONLY 7,842 FIRES TOKYO, COMPARED 52,214 NYC 1975.

# 5. KOREA

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER CHYUNG YIL HYUNG ARRESTED, ACCORDING FRIENDS. BRINGS TO 19 NUMBER HELD SINCE STATEMENT ASKING PRES PARK RESIGN READ AT ECUMENICAL MASS MONDAY (WP).

NDP'S KIM YOUNG SAM ASKED ROKG SATURDAY FOR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE ALL CHRISTIAN LEADERS JAILED FOR CRITICIZING PARK POLICIES; WARNED NATION WOULD FACE "GRAVE POLITICAL SITUATION" UNLESS FREED QUICKLY. CHARGED THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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"POLITICS OF THE DARK AGES" (NYT SPC; WSTAR 3/7).

# 6. PHILIPPINES

OFFICIALS SHED NO LIGHT ON DEATH SHOEMAKER SUMMONED APPEAR AT CONSTABULARY HQ TO ANSWER COMPLAINT, BUT

FOUND DEAD ON GROUNDS (WP 3/7).

TRADE SOURCES SAY MILLION TONS SUGAR PILE UP UNSOLD, UNSHIPPED DUE GOVT GAMBLE HOLD OFF MARKET IN HOPE HIGHER PRICES (AP SUN, GLOBE, PHINQ).

# 7. MALAYSIA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN PERAK REPORTS "PIVOTAL" STATE IN BATTLE AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENTS SADDLED WITH CORRUPT, INEFFECTIVE CIVIL GOVT. QUOTES ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF'S CASTIGATION STATE GOVT FOR DOING NOTHING ON AGREED-UPON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, RESETTLEMENT. GENL SEES PERAK SITUATION SERIOUS WITH ABORIGINES, LOGGERS HELPING INSURGENTS. SOUTHERLAND CITES EXAMPLES STATE'S 'ASTE, CORRUPTION. MENTIONS SOME PREDICT NEW PM ONN WILL SOON MOVE AGAINST SOME OF PEOPLE GIVING PERAK BAD NAME.

#### 8. INDONESIA

WP'S MCDONALD REPORTS SUHARTO'S OSTER PERTAMINA HEAD SUTOWO. OPINES FULL SERIOUSNESS PERTAMINA DISASTER NOT YET REVEALED. QU'?TES "ANTI-TECHNOCRAT" LEADERS WHO DEFEND SUTOWO THAT OUSTER DUE CONSPIRACY, COMPANY WAS EXAMPLE INDIGINOUS ENTREPRENEURSHIP THAT TECHNOCRATS COULD NOT MATCH (3/6).

GOI ANNOUNCES OPEC WILL MEET 0ALI MAY 27. PRES RELECTIONS SET MARCH 10, 1978 WHEN SUHARTO EXPECTED RUN FOR 3RD 5-YR TERM (WP 3/6).

# 9. INDONESIA/TIMOR

WAR FADES AS INDO FORCES SWEEP UP RESISTANCE POCKETS, UNCLASSIFIED

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GOI ADMIN MACHINERY BEING INSTALLED (AP, SUN).

# 10. AUSTRALIA

SCANDAL THREATENS WHITLAM OVER ALLEGED ATTEMPT ARRANGE 500,000 IRAQI ELECTION CONTRIBUTION (NYT SPECIAL 3/7, MANCHESTER GUARDIAN IN WP (3/7). ALP CEN,URE; FORMER PM,

OTHER TOP PARTY OFFICIALS (WP; WSJ; CHITRIB), BUT WHITLAM PERMITTED REMAIN PARTY HEAD (WP). WHITLAM ACCUSED BAD JUDGMENT, FACES FURTHER EXAMINATION WHEN LABOR MPS MEET CONDUCT OWN INQUIRY. PARTY LEADERSHIP FOUND NO FUNDS RECEIVED, NO OFFICIALS STOOD GAIN PERSONALLY FROM PROPOSED DEAL (REUTER, NYT).

TYPHOON HITS QUEENSLAND, KILLS 4 (AP, WP 3/6). AMOCO MAY SELL AUSSIE SUBSIDIARY TO LOCAL GROUP (JOC). IN ARTICLE ON INCREASING FAVOR WOOL FINDING IN US FASHION, WSJ'S BEAUMONT NOTES AUSTRALIA DOMINATES WORLD MARKET THROUGH ACTION WOOL CORP.

# 11. NAURU

TINIEST, RICHEST REPUBLIC IMPORTS MACHINERY IN HOPE DIVERSIFY AWAY FROM PHOSPHATE DEPENDENCE. STARTS OWN SHIPPING LINE THAT WILL BEGIN S PAC CRUISES (AP, CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

# 12. CHINA

MUNRO IN NYT (3/6) SAYS CURRENT POLITICAL CONFLICTS
O?FER RARE INSIGHTS INTO PRC INTERNAL SYSTEM.
NOTEWORTHY THAT RADICALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TENG WAS
ABLE TO BLUNT LEFTWARD POLICIES. MODERATES APPEAR
TO BE EXERCISING CONSIDERABLE POWER AND APPEAR TO
DIRECT THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST TENG RATHER THAN
AGAINST A LARGER CONSPIRACY. RADICALS' DILEMMA IS HOW
TO WIDEN THE CAMPAIGN WITHOUT INVITING RETALIATION
FROM MORE CONSERVATIVE BUREAUCRATS IN GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY.
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CSM REWRITES SAME PIECE WITH ADDED EMPHASIS ON APPARENT POWER OF MODERATES.

BUTTERFIELD IN NYT (3/7) SAYS ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIED BUT STILL APPEAR TO BE UNDER CAREFUL PARTY CONTROL. TENG'S POSITION IN DOUBT, WHICH INDICATES MODERATE STRENGTH REMAINS CONSIDERABLE. MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS SUCH AS WHY MAO TURNED ON TENG AFTER PERMITTING HIM TO BE REHABILITATED.

BRADSHER IN WSTAR (3/5) CLAIMS SOME ANTI-TENG POSTERS CAN BE INTERPRETED AS BEING DIRECTED AGAINST HUA. FAILS TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING INFO EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT

"HUA IS ALSO IN THE LINE OF ATTACK".

MARY MCGRORY IN WSTAR (3/5) CARRIES IMAGINARY LETTER FROM NIXON TO FORD WHICH RIDICULES ADMINISTRATION'S CONFUSION OVER THIS TRIP REPORT. INCLUDES REVELATION THAT MAO PLANNING A TRIP TO THE US TO COINCIDE WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION.

IN LETTER TO NYT (3/7), FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW PROF LUKE LEE VIEWS NIXON PRC VISIT AS "OPPORTUNITY WHICH,

IF NOT TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, MAY WELL SPELL DISASTER, FOR "LONG-TERM NATIONAL INTERESTS" OF BOTH US, PRC. MAINTAINS NIXON TRIP COULD AFFORD MUCH-NEEDED BEHIND-SCENES PICTURE OF CURRENT PEKING EVENTS; FEARS DOOR LEFT AJAR FOUR YEARS AGO MAY BE SHUT AGAIN UNLESS CONCRETE ACTIONS SOON TAKEN TO FURTHER SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE SPIRIT.

STLP-D'S DEAKIN (2/29) CITES VARYING INTERPRETATIONS WHY NIXON ACCEPTED INVITATION VISIT PRC. FOREIGN POLICY SPECIALISTS THEORIZE PEKING TIMED INVITATION TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY OPENING. IN MORE GENERAL WAY, INVITATION SEEN AS CHINESE EFFORT ENCOURAGE ANTI-SOVIET SENTIMENT IN WEST. NOTES WHEN ROCKEFELLER QUESTIONED ABOUT SPECULATION NIXON AIMING AT FORD-REAGAN DEADLOCK IN HOPE CONNALLY CAPTURES GOP NOMINATION, VP SUGGESTED, "MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO CHECK WITH THE RUSSIANS." UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS THAT SEEMED RAISE INCREDIBLE POSSIBILITY SOVIET ELECTRONIC ESPIONAGE WAS INTERCEPTING NIXON-CONNALLY TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND THAT US COUNTER-ESPIONAGE WAS MONITORING SOVIET INTERCEPTS.

AT FORT CHARLOTTE, FLA, 3/6, REAGAN ASSERTED NIXON WAS INVITED TO PEKING BECAUSE OF PRC LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN FORD ADMIN. MAINTAINED THAT US, BY PURSUING DETENTE WITH SOVIET, "HAS FAILED MISERABLY" UPHOLD ITS END OF BARGAIN IN RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC. AIDE LATER SAID EXPLANATION OF PRC MOTIVES BEHIND NIXON VISIT WERE REAGAN'S OWN CONCLUSION, NOT INFO OBTAINED FROM NIXON (NORDHEIMER, NYT; FURGURSON, SUN).

ACCORDING GLOBE'S WILSON, ONCE INVITATION ISSUED, DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW NIXON PRC TRIP COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. SAYS GIVEN LESS-THAN-FESTIVE STATE OF SAN CLEMENTE SOCIAL CALENDAR, ONLY MOST PUNITIVE NIXON-HATER COULD FAULT HIS ACCEPTING INVITATION VISIT PRC. FORMER PRES' SITUATION UNPRECEDENTED, UNPRECEDENTEDLY EMBARRASSING--TO US, TO HIM. MAINTAINS NIXON, IN FACT,

VERY MUCH LIKE MANY PEOPLE WE KNOW, SOMETIMES LIKE OURSELVES: FOR THAT, WE CANNOT FORGIVE HIM.

HOPPE (GLOBE) DESCRIBES IMAGINARY COVERT FORD CALL TO NIXON, WITH EX-PRES REFUSING DIVULGE ANY INFO ABOUT HIS PRC VISIT, BECAUSE "YOU HATE ME. EVERYBODY HATES ME. EXCEPT THEM." BUT NIXON REVEALS VISITING MOSCOW NEXT TO EFFECT SINO-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT.

CARTOON BY PHINQ'S AUTH HAS IRS AGENT READING LETTER FROM NIXON: ,HE'S DONATING A REPORT ON CHINA TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND TAKING A \$100,000 DEDUCTION, (WP).

TRUDEAU'S "AMB DUKE" CONTINUES CHAT WITH MAO, AS TRANSLATOR DOCTORS DUKE'S COMPLAINT ABOUT CHINESE OPERA, AND HIS FORGETTING TO BRING WIFE TO PEKING (WP 3/5). CHAIRMAN APPEARS ALREADY TO HAVE FORGOTTEN TENG (SUN 3/6).

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NYT'S WHITNEY, IN BONN (3/7), NOTES PRC HAS BEEN CULTIVATING FRG LEADERS WITH INVITATIONS, CALLS FOR STRONGER EUROPE, AND TOURS OF MIL INSTALLATIONS NOT FAR FROM SOVIET BORDER--ALL IN INTEREST IMPROVING PRC DEFENSES AGAINST SOVIET. BUT WHITNEY OBSERVES THAT EVEN IN BONN CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES, IDEA OF FRG-CHINESE ALLIANCE AS ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE IS VIEWED WITH SOME SKEPTICISM.

NYT'S KAUFMAN, IN NAROBI, RELATED HOW PRC, SOVIET, BOTH OBVIOUSLY VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN RIVALRY FOR ALLEGIANCE OF BLACK SOUTHERN AFRICANS, WITH SOVIET FOR NOW APPEARING TO HAVE GAINED MOMENTUM.

KOSHETZ (NYT 3/6) NOTES IMPORTS OF PRC COTTON TEXTILES HAVE CLIMBED SHARPLY IN FOURTH QUARTER 1975, BRINGING CRIES OF ALARM FROM US TEXTILE INDUSTRY. CITES RECENT SPEECH OF AMERICAN TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE PRES HAMRICK CHARGING US INDUSTRY MUST CONVINCE DOS "TAKE SOME ACTION" ON DIPLOMATIC FRONT, "OR WE ARE IN TROUBLE," SINCE US TEXTILE INDUSTRY COULD BE OVERWHELMED BY PRC IMPORTS. LOWENSTEIN & SONS' LEVINSON SUGGESTS CHINESE MAY BE SEEKING, BARGAIN" FOR MFNSTATUS. SPRING MILLS' PRES SCOTESE CONTENDS GOODS HIS FIRM BUYS FROM PRC ARE OF TYPES NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN US, AND CHINESE PRICING "CYCLICAL." CRANSTON PRINT WORKS PRES ROCKEFELLER SAYS HIS EXPERIENCE WITH IMPORTS CHINESE COTTON GOODS HAS BEEN GOOD--QUALITY EXCELLENT, CONSISTENT, AND PRC

ALWAYS FILLED COMMITMENTS; DOUBTS CHINESE WOULD BE SERIOUS THREAT TO US MANUFACTURERS FOR LONG TIME.

TO CHITRIB'S YATES (IN TOKYO), RECENT REPORTS OF PROPOSED US-ROC 1.5 BILLION DOL GRAIN DEAL HAS BROUGHT INTO FOCUS THEIR "CURIOUS AND FRAGILE POLITICAL TIES." WHILE LITTLE INDICATION PRC INTERESTED AS TAIWAN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADING PARTNERS, PEKING HAS FAR OUTSTRIPPED TAIPEI IN TERMS DIPLOMATIC ATTENTION. AMEMBASSY TAIPEI RESEMBLES, IN SPIRIT IF NOT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, REMOTE, RATHER DESOLATE OUTPOST WHOSE MAIN FUNCTION THESE DAYS IS TO KEEP NATIVES FROM GETTING RESTLESS. UNCLASSIFIED

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GROC SOURCES SAY THEY ARE AWARE HAK PURPOSELY AVOIDING ISLAND AND HAS ORDERED USG OFFICIALS DO SAME. CITES TOKYO SOURCES PEKING CONTENT TO LET OLD KMT GENRE DIE OFF, THEN EVENTUALLY ABSORB ISLAND IN NONMIL MANNER--AND LOOK AT TAIWAN POL SITUATION REVEALS PRC STRATEGY MAY BE PAYING OFF.

#### 13. KOREA

NINA BERNSTEIN (SUN 3/7) FINDS TALE OF RECRUITING "MOONIES, LIKE SCI-FI. RECOUNTS HOW ATHLETIC SON OF JOHN TRIMBLE (WHITEFISH BAY, WISC) ,BRAINWASHED" INTO UNIFICATION CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA, AND TEEN-AGED SISTER LATER LURED INTO CULT. PARENTS SPENT 10,000 DOLS IN PLANE FARES, OTHER COSTS, BUT SO FAR ONLY SUCCEEDED "DEPROGRAMMING,, REHABILITATING DAUGHTER; SON STILL ,PSYCHOLOGICAL CAPTIVE" OF CULT.

CARL STEP (SUN 3/7) REVIEWS LEGAL WOES BECLOUDING MOON SECT, AS PARENTS MOUNT FEVERISH CAMPAIGN RECOVER CHILDREN THEY SAY "BRAINWASHED" INTO SECT. CITES LEADERS' BELIEF IN FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOM, AND CONFIDENCE CAN PROVE, IN COURT, UNIFICATION CHURCH IS RELIGION.

SAAR (WP 3/7), IN SEOUL, REVIEWS RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN STANDARD LIVING SK FARMERS. TOO EARLY SAY POVERTY OF CENTURIES ENDED, BUT NOTES CROPS BETTER, INCOME RISING, FARMERS LOOK BEYOND STILL-PRESENT HARDSHIPS WITH NEW OPTIMISM. AGRICULTURE, AFTER YEARS LAGGING BEHIND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, NOW RESPONDING BRISKLY PRES PARK'S SELF-HELP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

IN COMPANION PIECE, WP DETAILS HOW HWANG KEUN KIM, CONSERVATIVE AS ANY AMERICAN FARMER, HAS ENOUGH CONFIDENCE IN ROK FUTURE TO GAMBLE HEAVILY. HAS ONLY TWO COWS, BUT

BUILT BARN FOR DOZEN ON TINY HOLDING S OF SEOUL. ALSO PLANTED APPLE TREES, EVEN THOUGH KNOWS WILL BE FOUR YEARS BEFORE HARVESTS FIRST CROP. QUOTES HIS BELIEF PAST TEN YEARS HAVE SEEN CHANGES ,LIKE THE DIFFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH," AND HIS PRAISE FOR PARK'S "SAEMUAL" DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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